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## TRAPS WIFE BEHEADS LOVER

### SLAVES FOUND IN TURPENTINE WOODS OF FLA.

Throw Men In Slavery  
When They Can't Pay  
Debts To Southerners

GAINESVILLE, Fla., July 13.—Abraham Lincoln is dead and the Emancipation Proclamation has been signed yet slavery still exists in the United States. The latest disclosure comes from Gainesville, Fla., and the slave drivers are W. Austin Brown, Moses Brown and W. H. Mathias.

**Owed Them Money**  
The slaveholders operate and control a large naval store in Gainesville and sold their goods to the people at fabulous prices. Two black men whose names are not given owed the store keepers a small sum of money which they had not paid whereon they were seized by the Browns and Mathias and put to work with the county convicts whom under the Florida law can be leased to private citizens. This act is technical slavery and is defined under law as "peonage." When seized and arrested by the United States Deputy Marshal the Browns pleaded not guilty before the District Commissioner, A. J. Acosta. It is reported that many black people are being held slaves in the turpentine woods of Florida and an investigation by the Federal Government will result in startling conditions being uncovered.

### Street Car Riot Narrowly Averted

Division and Wells Streets. The termination of the State Street car line was the scene of a near riot at 5 o'clock Monday evening, July 10, when Louis Robinson, 2131 South Dearborn Street, engaged in an argument with the conductor on a State Street car, the argument soon became a heated battle and loud words were turned into blows. Several black men took sides with Robinson, but were soon outnumbered by the whites and found themselves completely surrounded by a hostile crowd of white ruffians with hands reaching from all sides for Robinson and numerous cries of hang him! lynch him! were heard for blocks away.

### Thrown Into Car

Then the cry of push that door open there! was heard and C. E. Cones, the conductor, pushed the door of the car open and Robinson was yanked into the car by Frank Roche, 7037 Justine Street, motorman, then both the conductor and motorman sprang in and while the conductor barred the door to keep out the mob Roche, motorman, sped the car away with only one passenger, which was Robinson.

### Battles on Car

After the car had gone a mile or more and safely away from the mob the car was stopped and both the conductor and motorman finished the battle up with Robinson, broken windows and seats told in silence a heat battle had taken place.

In the meantime police patrols and fluster squads had responded to riot calls from several stations and sped to the scene where the battle started. After arriving there took up the trail and soon overtook the car, finding Robinson very badly beaten up with cuts and bruises on his body. He was taken to the East Chicago Avenue Police Station, where his wounds were dressed. He probably would have been killed, had he been left in the hands of the mob.

### Hubby Sleeps Too Late

After an attempt to prove to her husband that he had no right to sleep any longer than she, Mrs. Thomas Watts, 3567 Rhodes Avenue, was stabbed by him. He was fined \$25.00 and cost Monday morning, July 10, by Judge William M. Gemmill.

### Emperor Jones III

NEW YORK, July 13.—Chas. S. Gilpin, known upon the stage as "Emperor Jones," has been confined with an attack of pleurisy for two weeks, but is, according to the latest reports, now convalescent. He plans to begin rehearsals in September. His show will probably open in New York, going into Canada and far western points.

### MAKE BLACK MEN STERILE SAYS KLAN

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 8.—Chas. P. Sweeney, writing in the current issue of the Nation, a magazine published in New York, asserts that the Ku Klux Klan is endeavoring to wipe out the black race and one of the possible methods suggested is to make the men sterile and barren, thus guarding against the increase of the black population. Sweeney also exposed the plan to expel the black man from politics and to reduce him to the place of a "human chattel," he quoted from a recent speech rendered by Imperial Wizard Simmons, nominal head of the Klan, and reproduced part of his speech.

**What the Wizard Said**  
According to Mr. Sweeney these are some of the words of the Wizard: "All these folks of color can take their place—they had better take it and stay in it when they get in it. This is a white man's civilization and we are the instrumentalities for the preservation thereof and the protection of that which was created by years of devotion, which has given to the world the open Bible, the little red schoolhouse, if you please, the great public school system, all those things which have come to us through years of devout thought and hard work as a sacred heritage."

"Men tell me that the Negroes in this state and I am not now going out of the State of Georgia, are paying their poll taxes for as far back as four hundred years and qualifying to vote. I am informed that every black nigger in Atlanta who attains the age of twenty-one years has gotten the money to pay his poll tax and register, and that 6,000 of them are now ready to vote, and that these apes are going to line up at the polls, mixed up there with white men and white women. Lord forgive me, but that is the most sickening and disgusting sight you ever saw."

**Klan Busy**  
It is noticed that the Klan is quietly but efficiently increasing its membership and continued reports leak out that the Masons are aiding the organization to function throughout the world. It has even been suggested by some of the New York papers that the Klan is pruning and culling the political woods for presidential timber. The black people do not seem much alarmed with the activities of the Klan but some of the brighter minds of the race are deeply concerned.

### Dies from Beating With Baseball Bat

SELMA, Ala., July 12.—George Miley, 28, of Farmersville, Lowndes county, died in a Selma hospital today from effects of injuries said to have been inflicted by an unidentified black youth who used a baseball bat. Posses are scouring the Farmersville section for the assailant.

**Kills Husband with Ax**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 12.—Mrs. Anna Gudon took an ax and wielded it with deadly effect upon her husband on yesterday morning. Her defense is that she feared that her spouse planned to take her own life. She killed Gudon as he slept. She has been remanded to jail, pending investigation.

### Black Men Foil Strikers In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, July 9.—Three black men employed in the Illinois Central shops at Harahan were fired upon last evening as they were on their way home from work. A crowd of twenty whites fired upon the men because of the fact they were not in sympathy with the strike. It is said that the black men had attempted to gain membership in the union but were refused because of their color and when the strike was called by the heads of the Union they refused to quit work. When fired upon the black men fell upon the ground as if shot and pulling out their revolvers fired point blank into the crowd, injuring several seriously. Policemen hurried to the scene and disarmed the black men after they were assured that they would receive adequate protection. Policemen state that over twenty-five shots were fired.

### Federal Court Takes Hand

Judge Foster, in United States District Court, today granted an injunction to the Trans-Mississippi Terminal Railroad Company enjoining striking railway employees and other persons from interfering with the operation of that road. It specifically prohibits the intimidation of present and new employees of the company.

The road is owned jointly by the Texas and Pacific and the Missouri Pacific railroads. While the Trans-Mississippi Terminal is the first of the railroads here to file application for federal aid in preventing interference with their operation, announcement was made today that all other railway lines in New Orleans are preparing to take similar action.

### Human Race Loses Power To Walk

LOS ANGELES, July 15.—The human race is destined to lose the power of walking if the present tendency continues to its ultimate conclusion in the process of evolution, according to Dr. Kendrick Smith, here today at the National Osteopathic convention. Trolley cars began the retrograde process, he declared, and automobiles, elevators, escalators and innumerable other contrivances conspire to keep human beings off their feet during most of their waking hours. As a result, he said, we are becoming a race of weaklings from the hips down. Back to the woods in bare feet, with plenty of running, would make over the human race, Dr. Smith said.

### NAMES OWN FINE IN COURT AT ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., July 15.—Alderman D. R. Wilder, of the Fourth Ward, acting judge in the absence of Recorder Johnson, proved himself a most democratic jurist.

### Witness the fact:

Robert Giddings, black, held on a drunk charge, couldn't tell how it happened.

"You had plenty of fun out of it, anyway, didn't you, Bob?" the Alderman smilingly inquired.

"I guess I did," answered the negro.

"If you were in my place how much would you fine yourself?" he was asked.

"About \$5, I guess, judge."

"Good enough, Bob. Just pay the station sergeant the five, add a dollar for costs and you may then be released," was the final decree of the court.

### Girl Flyer Given German License

NEW YORK, July 15.—Bessie Coleman, of Chicago, and the only aviatrix of her race in the world, has received first pilot's license to fly a machine anywhere in Germany. Miss Coleman also holds a brevet license in France and has made several flights in London and Holland. It is reported that she will arrive in Chicago soon and open a pilot's school. She refused an offer to teach in Moscow.

### Would Be Chicago's Queen



MISS SADIE RAINEY  
Is A Popular Candidate To Be The Southside Queen In The Coming Pageant of Progress

### Howard Univ. Appoints New Instructors

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Howard University continues to strengthen its position in the educational world by adding to the faculties of its academic and professional schools promising colored graduates from the various colleges of the country and others who are eminently successful in the teaching profession.

For the school year 1922-1923, the following additions will be made to the academic and professional faculties of the university:

Mr. Clarence H. Mills, a graduate of Harvard University with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, has been engaged as instructor in the department of Romance Languages. Mr. Mills received Phi Beta Kappa honors while at Harvard.

Mr. S. R. Cooper, a graduate of Howard University, has been asked to return to his alma mater to serve as an instructor in the department of chemistry.

Mr. R. Percy Barnes, a graduate of Amherst College who received high commendation upon his collegiate work, will also come to Howard as an instructor in the department of chemistry.

Dr. William Gordon of Ware, Mass., a well-known New England minister, will strengthen the faculty of the School of Religion.

Mr. H. Leroy Pelham, a graduate of Lincoln University, will take up work at Howard University as instructor in the department of zoology.

Miss Carolyn Grant, a graduate of Howard University School of Music with the degree Mus. B., will teach in the school of music.

### "Investigate" Lynching

SHREVEPORT, La., July 10.—Officers of Bossier Parish continued their investigation today of the lynching yesterday of Joe Pemberton, negro, who was taken from the parish jail at Benton by a mob of white men after they had overpowered Deputy Sheriff J. A. Wilson. No clew to the identity of any of the men composing the mob had been found today, officers said.

Pemberton's body was found several hours after he had been taken from the jail, swinging to a tree in a Black Bayou swamp two miles from Benton. He had been placed in the jail Tuesday night, following the shooting of two negro women.

### N. A. A. C. P. Again Warns Republicans

The reports of an all-night conference in Washington at the home of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts on July 6 of Republican leaders in the Senate, at which it was decided that the Anti-Lynching bill, the ship-subsidy, and other pending measures should not be acted on during the present session of Congress brought prompt action from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Upon receipt of reports of the conference, James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the association, wired Senator Lodge, Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, Senator William M. Calder of New York, Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California and other Republican leaders that if such a report were true, it would be a very serious matter and one which colored voters would bitterly resent.

### GEORGIA LYNCHES MAN WHO WAS GIVEN RESPIRE BY GOVERNOR

NEW YORK CITY, July 15.—How two young colored boys, James Harvey and Joe Jordan, who were accused of attempted criminal assault while on a hiking tour through Georgia, were tried, convicted, and sentenced to death, and then lynched after Governor Thomas W. Hardwick had granted a respite of thirty days, was revealed here today when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made public a letter to Governor Hardwick. The letter, signed by James Weldon Johnson, secretary, recites the facts given above, pointing out that both of the youths came from respectable families, and that the Advancement Association had investigated their case, secured convincing proof of their innocence, employed counsel, which counsel had presented the facts to the governor which gave him sufficient ground to delay their execution set for June 30. A mob, determined not to be cheated of their prey, had seized the boys and lynched them at Lane's Bridge, Georgia, on July 1.

### Attack Sheriff

The association's letter calls upon the governor to institute action against Deputy Sheriff J. R. Tyre, who allowed the prisoners to be taken from him as he was carrying them from Jessup to Savannah for safe-keeping, and against Tyre and his immediate superiors for furnishing so inadequate protection to the men in view of the feeling against them. It also emphasized the fact that evidence against the men must have been indeed slight if he, as governor, had seen fit to grant the requested respite. This action was particularly urged in view of Governor Hardwick's recent public declaration that there would be no mob rule in Georgia while he was governor.

### HUSBAND TRAILS WIFE TO ROOM KILLS HER LOVER

### Bar Black Vets

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—The three delegates of the Fairview Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War sent as representatives to the national convention at San Francisco were refused seats by the national officers. Judge Robert S. Marks made the announcement in the form of a statement that the Texas State Convention had revoked the charter originally granted to the Fairview Chapter which consisted of Negro members. "It is not a question for the national officers to determine, the statement continued. It is a state matter and has been ruled on by the Texas department."

### Giles Avenue the Scene of Tragedy Early Tuesday Morn

With a steady hand, a steel knife and a cold heart Berry Ellington severed the head of Annie Freeman from his body and ripped open the side of his wife, Bobbie, early Tuesday morning in a little room that his wife had taken at 3702 Giles Avenue. The last chapter of the tale of unhappy marriage, separation and the eternal triangle thus ended in terrible tragedy.

### Ellington Escapes

Up to the present time Ellington has not been apprehended but the police are scouring the city for him and an early capture is expected. Ellington has lived up until the last three months with his wife at 3135 Giles Avenue, but because of incompatibility, continual scenes and altercations the couple separated, Ellington promising his wife that he was going to sell his furniture and give her half of the proceeds. Bobbie, the wife, visited her husband frequently hoping to have the proceeds from the furniture. Ellington, according to his wife's statements, became surly and had begged her to return to him, but she refused, claimed that it was no use.

### Trails Wife

On Monday evening, Mrs. Ellington called at the residence of her husband and asked for her part of the furniture money. Ellington told her to come back and forget about their quarrels, but she refused, and as she left the house Ellington quietly put on his coat and taking his knife decided to end it all. Following Mrs. Ellington in the shadows, he learned that she had taken up her abode on Giles Avenue. All during the night the husband sat and watched the room that his wife had entered several times he rang the bell and sought entrance, but was refused being told that "Bobbie" had retired but through some method yet not discovered Ellington secured entrance to house and creeping up the stairs and gazed in on the sleeping forms of Freeman and his wife. Mrs. Ellington claims that she awoke with a start and was terrified to witness her husband plunging his knife into the prostrate body of Freeman, but she was unable to escape a terrible lunge aimed her heart which ripped open her side. Freeman's head was completely severed from his body. Ellington escaped before the police arrived upon the scene. Mrs. Ellington was carried to the Provident Hospital and it stated that she has excellent chance for recovery.

### Fine Editor \$100 His Lights Out

HOUSTON, Tex., July 8.—C. F. Richardson, editor of the Houston Informer, was fined \$100 and the cost of court, having been convicted of the charge of "operating his car without a tail light" and using abusive language to an officer. This fine stands as the heaviest to be inflicted in Texas for such a petty offense.

### Prejudice Governs Court

Evidence was introduced to show that Mr. Richardson did not use offensive or abusive language to the officer but to the contrary the officer entered the garage, brandishing a revolver and uttering tirades of profanity against Mr. Richardson. It is felt that the editor is being persecuted because of the uncompromising and manly stand that he has taken upon the issues which concern his race. He paid the fine in chagrin and the dark look on his face spoke of the rage that fomented in his breast.